GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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ENVIRONMENT POLICY ON POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have announced/ proposed to announce any environment policy to check the level of pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of rules and regulations enacted so far to combat pollution?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)

(a) & (b) Government had released a `State of Environment Report` in 1999, which covered matters relating to prevention and control of pollution, solid wastes, hazardous substances management, cleaner technologies and related issues . The Government policy on environment is also enunciated in the National Conservation Strategy and Policy Statementon Environment and Development (1992), the Policy Statement for Abatement of Pollution (1992), and the National Forest Policy (1988).

(c) The statutory framework to combat pollution includes the following:

i) The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and Rules made thereunder.
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iii) The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 and Rules made thereunder.
iv) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder.
v) The Public Liability Insurance Act ,1991 and Rules made thereunder.
vi) The National Environment Tribunal Act ,1995.
vii) The National Environment Appellate Authority Act, 1997 and Rules made thereunder.